

REMARKS

Claims 47-55 have been cancelled and new claims 56-93 added. The newly-added claims recite various features of the invention such as filler amounts, the presence of a thickener and the components being in the form of strands. These features find support in the claims as originally filed, in previously presented claims, and in example 1 of the specification. Independent claim 60 recites discharge of the components from hollow members each having a plurality of orifices, as set forth on page 5, line 30, to page 6, line 15, of the specification.

None of the cited prior art references, either alone or in combination, teaches the invention as claimed.

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